

The Home Journal.

From the Cotton Planter and Soil of the South.

Plantation Work for October.

Having carefully examined the Plantation Work for October last, we find nothing in it to alter or change, and we therefore adopt it for this month.

COTTON PICKING.—This is still the pressing business of the plantation for this month, and every moment should be devoted to it that can be spared from other urgent work, that must necessarily receive the planter's attention.—Pick now with all your available force, while the weather is dry and warm, as are long the short days of winter, with the chilling winds will be upon you, when cotton picking becomes a tedious and disagreeable business.

CORN AND PEAS.—The housing of these crops is a part of the urgent work alluded to above, and should now be attended to as soon as possible, as much waste results from allowing them to remain longer in the field. It is quite an object, in this country—by which we mean the cotton States—to put up corn in such a way as to protect it from the ravages of the weevil. This, however, can never be accomplished with any degree of certainty, until our planters get in the habit of constructing corn houses that will first protect their corn from rats. Whatever of care and attention may be necessary for the construction of a barn or bin, for the protection of your wheat, not less, surely, should be devoted to the construction of your corn houses, for the protection of your corn, to the planter a much more valuable grain.

Pick your peas and put them up in a close house, in the hull and dry, and the weevil will do them little or no injury. Pick them carefully as you do your cotton; at planting time you will get a bushel for every 100 pounds.

SWEET POTATOES.—This crop should be housed towards the close of this month. There is an old notion prevalent among planters, of Indian origin, we suppose, that "frost should kill the vines first." It is immaterial in what way you put up your potatoes; you have no guarantee that they will keep sound, if the vines are killed by frost before you dig them. Frost, sufficiently hard to kill the vines, will freeze the surface of the earth to a sufficient depth to chill and seriously injure many of the roots. Do not delay digging beyond the 20th of this latitude.

SWEET POTATOES AS HAY.

It is remarkable that planters will allow their potato vines to be killed by frost, to the serious injury of the root, and total loss of the vines, previous to gathering, and yet they will spend time in saving pea vines that are done growing and partially dry, and fodder (corn blades) after the corn is matured when neither or both together are worth as much as the potato vine for stock food, by 25 per cent. On the 20th of this month, and earlier, in proportion as you go northward in the cotton region, the potato vine is in a state of luxuriant growth, having shed none of its leaves, full of sanguine matter and starch. They may be gathered with great rapidity, and easily cured, as there is rarely rain about the 20th of October. There is no forage in the class of hays, for stock-cattle and mules, to be compared to well-cured sweet potato vines.

STOCK.—The stock of the plantation, and especially your porkers, and those of every variety, intended for exhibition at our State Fair, should be receiving extra attention this month. Every facility afforded them now for putting on fat, will add greatly to their comfort and well doing through the winter. The stock, both cattle and hogs, should be allowed to glean the corn fields after gathering—they receive much benefit from it; and during this month, before the rains and frost commence, they do the land no injury by gleaning and

walking over the land in dry weather but they should be kept off the fields in rainy weather.

The marriage of a loved child may seem to a parent a kind of death. Yet therein a father pays but a just debt. Wedlock gave him the good gift to wedlock he owes it.

Those who rely on the aid of relatives, recommendations and props of various sorts to succeed in the world, very rarely achieve success of any account. They fly low, and generally land in the ditch.

To preserve your health, drink water, and get married early.—Putting off matrimony has broken down more constitutions than ever consumption did.

It is said that more money is paid for cigars in the United States than for bread.

Wanted.—A boy to learn the printing business. If we can find one to suit us, we will give him good boarding and decent clothes. He must be an industrious boy, and willing to do what is required about a printing office. Of course he must be able to spell and read well, and have some knowledge of grammar. The better his education the easier and sooner he can learn the business.

A boy from the country preferred, as town boys are generally too "fast," and given to vices not at all commendable. In short, we want a boy—a good boy—and we will do a good part by him. He must have respect for older persons, and not be "Young America" in behaviour, and we warrant that if good example, good conduct and good treatment on our part can influence him, he will grow up to be a high-minded, respected, and worthy man, and, besides, obtain a thorough printing office education. Apply soon.

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